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PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to an Office Action for a period of two (2) months. The new time for filing such response will be October 2, 2001.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for four hundred dollars and no/100 (\$400.00) for this extension of time fee. The original plus 2 copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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